

REMARKS

Claim 9 is pending in the application. Claim 9 is rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 7262286 in view of Schwartz and further in view of Peyrottes. Without admitting the correctness of this rejection, and solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution, Applicants herewith submit a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 7262286. Applicants respectfully submit that this terminal disclaimer overcomes the rejection and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of this submission, it is believed that claim 9 is in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 207-791-3078.

Respectfully submitted,

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